

THE PULSE

of The New York Hospital Employees — 68th to 71st Streets, York Avenue to East River

FEBRUARY 22, 1944 — WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Patient's Visitors

The OPD has come to life after regular clinic hours. Pavilion patients' visitors now use that entrance for visiting patients. We must admit that at least during the winter months it offers a much more comfortable spot to wait for your turn to offer sympathy to aching hearts and wearied bodies.

The OPD elevators have done a yeoman service in transporting 500-600 visitors within the short span of time allotted for that purpose. Hospital personnel are now able to use the regular elevators without applying football tactics to wedge their way through the center of the line.

But the change in location was not enough. An up-to-date ticket agency has been set up along the east wall of the waiting room. The color scheme of the tickets defies even the ingenuity of a Hollywood producer, but from all reports it serves a useful purpose. Incidentally the tickets are good "only for date issued", and as a collector's item. One little boy, holding on to his mother's coat was overheard saying: "Mommie! are these for the orchestra or the balcony?" No; the blue ticket does not entitle the bearer to a soft spot on the patient's bed. All tickets are for bedside seats and standing room only.

Let's have more changes! It's fun to see all the officials gathered around, watching the fulfillment of a dream.

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Results of 4th War Loan Drive at the Hospital

January 4, 1944 marked the opening of the 4th War Loan drive at the Hospital. Through the cooperation of the National City Bank, a booth was operated in the lobby on pay days for the sale of bonds to our own personnel. At this booth \$25,000 worth of bonds were sold and subscriptions taken at the bank and credited to us amounted to an additional \$60,000, making a total of \$85,000.

The drive closes the end of February and the booth will be open the 29th for those who have not yet had the opportunity to make their purchases of bonds. Every Yank sends his thanks for answering this appeal so wholeheartedly.

From and About Our Friends in the Service

Tonight the movie was to be Stage Door Canteen but it was rained out for the second consecutive time. Our movie theatre consists of a bunch of home made chairs and boxes under the stars and palm trees. I assure you that it is quite a contrast to the Music Hall. It doesn't matter how hard it rains once the picture has started because everyone just sits right through it.

ENS. L. W. WACKWITZ.

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We are working fairly hard. Did many cases in the past six weeks, the number I am not allowed to tell you. Our operating rooms are well equipped and are nice functioning units, a good bit of the good features due to our energy and initiative. We started from scratch in this wilderness. There are always handicaps and "kicks in the teeth", but all told we are not doing badly.

LT. COL. R. BOWERS.



The gentlemen in the company of the man whose birthday we honor today you will recognize as the Messrs. Wells, Zick, Pabst, Wacwitz, McBride and Busse. All were associated with the Accounting Department. May we wish all of you a speedy and victorious return.

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Blue Cross Broadcast

On Monday, February 7th, your Administrator-in-Chief Mr. Murray Sargent participated in a broadcast over Station WNYC which was conducted under the auspices of Associated Hospital Service of New York.

The subject matter under discussion was that public spirited group of men and women who are performing such invaluable service in The New York Hospital by serving as Volunteers.

During the course of the discussion, it was pointed out that we have Volunteers in almost every department and more than 200 of them are now serving in 26 different capacities other than as Orderlies, Nurses' Aides, and Nutrition Aides. These Volunteers serve as Childrens play-room assistants, Clinic aides, Laboratory technicians, Library assistants, Mail service helpers, Secretaries, assistants in Pharmacy, as Social Service aides and in the X-ray department where they sort, check, and file the films.

In response to a question by the announcer as to what service in the Hospital the need for Volunteers is most acute, Mr. Sargent felt this need existed in the Nutrition department, as this institution serves 7,000 meals a day, almost 3,000,000 meals a year and subsequently pointed out that their would be little use in attempting to care for the bodily needs of our thousands of patients if we couldn't feed them.

Of further interest, it was explained that we provide all the training for those jobs where it is necessary. Just as we train the Volunteer Orderlies, the Nurses' Aides and the Dietition Aides, we provide adequate instruction whenever it is needed in the fulfillment of other assignments.

The Volunteers themselves recognize the need for their services as is indicated by the number who come to assist us in a wide variety of jobs. Mr. Sargent was emphatic in expressing the thought that these Volunteers do not compete with regular paid workers but supplement them and fill positions for which we are unable to obtain salaried employees inspite of strenuous efforts.

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Hospital Leads in Malaria Research

Taking the world at large, malaria is the most widespread and destructive of human diseases.

A patient is brought into the New York Hospital and from his case history the diagnosis is—malaria flare-up, relapse. This diagnosis is repeated on malaria charts over the world and no one knows better the discouraging monotony of such reports than one of the scientists of The New York Hospital-Cornell Center who has conducted research in malaria for twenty years, Dr. Morton Kahn.

Science is still seeking answers to such malaria mysteries as: Why—months and even years after the bite of an infected mosquito, does the malaria parasite suddenly flare up and infect red blood cells? Where does it hide in the meantime? Why does it affect some cells rather than others?

Immediately after Pearl Harbor, United States troops were scattered through innumerable malaria belts, Dr. Kahn, an authority on diseases in the tropics, concentrated his efforts on fighting one of the most stubborn problems: what causes a malaria relapse? Facts which science already knows are that relapses may come from a mere change of altitude or climate and that atabrine and quinine are "suppressive" but not "preventive" medicines, which do not kill the malaria parasite but merely hold it in check.

The laboratory in which this research is carried on looks like a pet shop, for hen canaries and ducks are used exclusively in the experiments. Mosquitoes are bred in

the laboratory and carefully imprisoned in cages of thick netting. They are then allowed to bite ducks or canaries which have malaria and by so doing become infected themselves. Continuing the cycle, healthy canaries are suspended in a cradle on a hook in the cage with the malaria-ridden insects which in turn carry the disease to these birds.

Careful track is kept of each bird by means of numbered metal bands fastened to its leg and a chart of its relapses is tabulated.

This work holds great significance at this particular time in view of the fact that many American troops are returning and will continue to return from tropical areas with the malaria parasite hidden in their cells. This means that malaria can flare up at any moment. What is equally important is that although these men may not have a relapse or be ill themselves, the disease can be carried by mosquitoes who, biting them, become infected and thus spread the germ to their next unsuspecting victim. Inasmuch as only four states are free from malarial mosquitoes, the danger looms as a definite menace throughout the country.

Inquiring Reporter

Question: "What do you think of proposing during Leap Year?"

Answers: Angelica Mann, Department of Anatomy: "It's all right to propose during Leap Year but it all depends on what you're leaping at."

Chris Calgie, Central Laboratories: "After looking at all the pretty girls around the hospital, I think it's a good idea. (I'm not eligible, girls.)"

Helen Lambro, Social Service Department, Women's Clinic: "Personally, I wouldn't want a man that I had to propose to."

Fred Franz, Doctors' Coat Room: "Women always did the proposing anyway—why limit it to Leap Year?"

Ellen Phillips, College: "I disapprove of the woman doing the proposing—it's the man's job."

Nelson Osterberg, Chemistry Laboratory, Women's Clinic: "I think it's a good custom. Girls are now doing almost everything that men are, so why shouldn't they propose marriage?"

Anonymous: Girls will be girls, That's all brother!



Canteen Trailer donated by the New York Hospital Red Cross Unit (Women's Division)

THROUGH THE PEEP HOLE

"Well, sir, we are doing our best," is the familiar statement one hears from the heads of the various departments when asked to comment on present conditions. We find they are doing more than their best. Close departmental and interdepartmental cooperation of employees explains to a large degree the splendid efficiency now maintained in this institution.

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While speaking of our best, let us glance into the office of Mr. James F. Best, director of the Purchasing Department. We certainly realize how difficult it is to get supplies yet they seem to pop up when ordered. Fess up Mr. Best, how do you keep Mr. McHugh's labyrinths so well stocked?

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While munching his luncheon in the East Dining Room, he will invariably face due North which removes him from the lane of hurrying tray carriers. He seems to have an aversion for soup spilling on his neck. Wonder if Mr. Freddie Franz could enlighten us as to the identity of this genial gentleman.

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Mr. Wilbur Fox, head of the orderlies, states that he too has men on his staff with commendable records, notably Ernest Clautier with seventeen years of service in our hospital.

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Dr. William Daniel, a former track athlete has not been seen lately training on the East River Drive. The rumor is that little Junior Daniel will be old enough this summer to pace his Daddy. Yes Doctor, from his carriage.

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We hear that Dr. Harold Genvert now in the Armed Forces, is busy and well somewhere across the water.

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Despite the inconvenience of alterations on G 7 and the many requests for beds, Miss Janet Thomson, assistant head nurse, glides around the pavilion delightfully unruffled—a joy to behold.

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We mention this month Mr. Henry Eigendorf, our congenial gardener. He is anxiously awaiting the first buds of spring on the many trees and shrubs surrounding the hospital. Believe it or not, he planted

of them.

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Recently overheard: "Berra watchem fruma 'Pipps Hull,' 'I spik sikrits frum yuh!'"



ERIC AND THE LITTLE WOMAN ENJOY CHRISTMAS

To the Editors of "THE PULSE"

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your kind article in "THE PULSE". Urged on by your friendly encouragement, I will strive for still better and louder whistling.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC GRANHOLM,

Whistling Wheel Chair Chauffeur

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Since the present emergency makes Volunteer personnel necessary for the carrying on of our many activities, it is gratifying to point out that this Volunteer group is obtaining a full measure of cooperation from our paid workers.

People interested in enrolling for this Hospital service may simply apply to the Volunteer Department at the Hospital, 525 East 68th Street. Basically the only necessary qualifications are a sincere desire to be helpful in this emergency and faithfulness in appearing for duty.

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Army Nurses in Burma

In the Northern Burma Jungle, Jan. 20 (Delayed) AP—Army nurses—the first in Burma—all members of the "Foreign Legion" field hospital, have arrived. They wore unflattering fatigue uniforms but looked mighty good to Americans some of whom had not seen a white woman in six months.

The honor of being the first two American nurses in Burma went to Lieut. Ruth Walters of Columbus, Ohio, chief nurse, who was a P. G. at N. Y. H. and Second Lieut. Mary Riney, Louisville, Ky.

Quiet Please

In an effort to provide additional private rooms within the available structural space, five reception rooms on that service have recently been converted into private patient's rooms.

Because of the close proximity of this and other rooms to the nurses station which is the nerve center of activity on these floors, some manner of sound-proofing was indicated. Accordingly an installation of acoustic ceilings was made on each floor in the nurses station and surrounding areas.

This alteration has met with considerable approval both from patients and our nursing staff.

**AVOID
ACCIDENTS
IN 1944**

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The mess hall is an open air affair with a gorgeous view of the mountains and jungles around and it is a real inspiration to sit there. Everyone lingers at meals as they're so busy it's a joy to sit down and talk.

ELEANOR M. SPRAGUE.

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The surgeons had to operate at the height of the typhoon when the rain on the iron roof made such a noise they couldn't shout to each other. The waterfalls are beautiful but some of them located at inconvenient spots.

VERNON LIPPARD.

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I hear from Frank Glenn and many of the others in the unit regularly and Frank passes on some of the news he gets from Bill.

At present I am receiving a lot of cases which have been treated a few days earlier by Cran (Dr. Holman) and his staff. As you know he is in the thick of things.

Now I appreciate the many headaches Mike has had in manning one of these services.

I think that the unit will have evidence that they have landed in a good spot.

HERBERT CONWAY.

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From what I understand has been in the New York papers recently, you should now know our location. For almost a month, it has been a very wet place. Griswold is our official weather reporter and to date this month we have had 47 inches of rain. The record for one day is over 12 inches. Last week there was quite a blow with the rain, and seven wards came down. By the grace of God no one was injured, they are now being replaced. It's a bit hard to realize that at home you are in mid-winter but then this is the land of continuous summer.

Our information here is that you are all working overtime in the New York Hospital. Needless to say all of us look forward to the time when we can return.

MAJOR FRANK GLENN, M. C.
9th General Hospital.

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... Some of the girls have recently arrived and we are expecting more soon. We are open and I have actually done a few operations. ...

MAJOR PRESTON A. WADE,
9th Gen. Hs. Unit I.

V Mail arrives in about ten days time, and be sure and tell everyone to write nothing else. Packages, magazines and newspapers arrive about two months after being posted. First Class mail and Air Mail all comes by boat and in the same amount of time that newspapers get here. We struggle along with a few V mails per week, and then about once per month we get ten to twenty sacks of regular mail.

We have no mascot. All pets — dogs, bandicoots, parrots, cockatoos, kangaroos, wallabys, and such like are out as they carry the mite, and the mite has been the bane of our existence—it is the carrier of scrub thypus. No doubt Miss Cooper ran across the article in the Dec. 29 edition of the *Times*. At least that was always her job, and she rarely missed anything of interest in the donors column.

R. LOUIS MALLOY.

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... How glad I was to read all the news, you will never know. ... With sincerest wishes for a Merry Christmas and an extra wish that the New Year once again finds us all home—our home.

S/SGT. JAMES GURZENDA,

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... I'm afraid I won't be able to send any (Christmas cards) this year since there are none available here. Probably be just as well to take this method of wishing you a Merry Christmas and through you, the various other people there.

LT. GEORGE MCBRIDE.

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... I am getting along fine, since coming here I have been receiving physio-therapy treatments which I find very beneficial. I've only had one recurrence of pain since December 27th ... but the doctors reassured me. I hope I'll get all fixed up soon and get back to duty. (John was in an accident and is now back on duty. He paid the nurses and doctors the finest compliments for their work and care of patients).

SGT. JOHN MOORE,
20th Gen. Hospital.

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We have left Austerlitz and are now on an island somewhere in the southwest Pacific. It is most interesting here and quite beautiful. We are having to work very hard but loving it. Our slacks and leggings don't add to our beauty but no one seems to mind, in fact everyone treats us like queens. My specialty seems to be opening up hospitals. It is quite an experience.

SILVIA ABBOTT.

... In spite of the hot weather we enjoyed a good turkey dinner—our packages came through satisfactorily and the decorations Mary T. (McDermott) and the House Committee sent helped to capture the Yuletide spirit.

Some of us have joined our officers and are working in our island hospital. Only a few wards have been constructed and they are fairly busy.

All buildings are simply and crudely constructed of a prefabricated material which can be erected in a short period of time. Although simple and a far cry from even the set up at Devens it is adequate and we are doing very well on the little things to work with.

The surgery is the most fancy built place and well equipped. Col Bowers has done a splendid job. And the dental clinic, laboratory and pharmacy are efficiently running.

Even the food is good for the major part.

MIMI DE VIVO,

N.Y.H., Class 1938.

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As you probably know many of our girls have joined our men up north and the rest of us are impatiently waiting for our turn. From all the reports we get one gathers that they are enjoying the life 100%. The location sounds most attractive. At present they are in the midst of the rainy season and the job of keeping or getting their clothes dry is some problem. Mud also has to be contended with.

All the girls here including Miss Troup (N.Y.H. '26) are well and anxious to get busy.

URSULA MACDONALD,

N.Y.H., Class 1927.

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... Our hospital now is pretty well completed and we are rather proud of it. Have interesting cases all the time and keep moderately busy ... Our holidays were really very pleasant and we had quite a bit of fun. Had some interesting parties, with the Chinese. Am getting pretty good with chopsticks, but despair at ever learning the language ... and remember me to my old friends there at the hospital, Miss Moore, Miss Ibbotson, Mrs. Bradley, Fred and all the others.

LT. COL. W. MORRIS WEEDEN

Somewhere in India.

New York Hospital Red Cross Unit

Five women called together by officials of the then New York Hospital School of Nursing, held a meeting in the Tower Room of the Nurses Residence and organized the New York Hospital Red Cross Unit on June 26, 1940. Work was begun immediately on sewing and knitting materials, the group meeting two full days per week for this and whatever other purpose they might serve the New York Chapter of the American Red Cross.

After "Pearl Harbor" the Unit voted to keep the work room, provided by the generosity of the New York Hospital, open four full days per week and one evening and have continued to operate on this basis to the present time.

From a small group, the members enrolled by 1944 number 221 and have averaged 20 members per session for the past two years.

This group, represented by Mrs. Norvelle C. La Mar as chairman, has a most commendable record of accomplishments.

Since June 1940 they have finished the following manufactured items:

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| Knitted Garments | 1,951 |
| Sewed " | 2,774 |
| Surgical Dressings | 125,722 |

Total Pieces..... 130,447

The funds for operation have been raised through bridge parties, luncheons, dances and some cash contributions.

A considerable amount of the items made were sent direct to General Hospital No. 9.

Listed under cash disbursements are such noteworthy expenditures as \$250 given to the nurses of General Hospital No. 9 for a victrola, a typewriter and miscellaneous items, \$500 to N. Y. Chapter of Red Cross for psychiatric rehabilitation and \$800 to National Headquarters for the purchase of a canteen trailer (see inset), now in use in London.

We salute, the New York Hospital Red Cross Unit (Women's Division) for this outstanding contribution to the war effort.

Hospi - Jales

Lt. William W. Evans, formerly with the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, is the first Navy officer to receive the Air Medal, a decoration which is awarded to military personnel who distinguish themselves in aerial flight, either in combat or non-combat action. The citation accompanying the award was as follows:

"For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Squadron Flight Surgeon while attached to a Marine Aircraft Group in the Solomon Islands Area from Oct. 15, 1942 to June 26, 1943. Volunteering for extremely hazardous flights deep into enemy territory to administer aid to wounded pilots and study combat strain. Lt. Evans also participated in numerous dangerous missions for the purpose of maintaining the physical fitness and morale of his assigned pilots at a high level. During the violent defense on Guadalcanal Island in November 1942 he was responsible for the badly needed improvements made in housing and preparation of supplies for pilot's mess, laboring tirelessly to improve their living conditions. Lt. Evans's courageous devotion to duty throughout his three tours of duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

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All employees of the hospital are required to carry identification cards. Be sure you have one, that it is stamped for 1944 and has your picture attached. If you do not have one see your department head.

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We welcome to our midst Mrs. Agnes Mac Murchie, the new housekeeper at the Payne Whitney Clinic.

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Franklin Ledbetter, of the Engineers Department, was in to pay a visit at Christmas. Frank was seriously wounded in the African Campaign and is still a patient at the Percy Jones Hospital and expects to be there for quite a while. He is still as cheerful as ever and everyone wishes the "Rebel" a speedy recovery.

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Miss Louise Hoermbeke, former Head Nurse on M-1, is now a member of the Army Nursing Corps and is stationed at the England Hospital, Atlantic City, N. J.

Vassar (Cy) Johnson, who used to work in the Accounting Department, is now in England and writes, "I'm enjoying every minute of it." Henry Pabst, also from the Accounting Department, is an Aviation Cadet stationed at Maxwell Field."

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On February 10th, Miss Hedwig Darbois, Supervisor of Nurseries in the Department of Obstetrics, became the bride of Mr. Nathan Andrews. They were married at the Little Church Around the Corner and the reception was held at the Waldorf-Astoria. For the benefit of our female readers, the bride wore a lovely blue silk suit and blue hat trimmed with white flowers and blue veil. The happy couple will spend their honeymoon in Florida.

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Heir Corps

Dr. and Mrs. John McLean are the proud parents of Mary Margaret McLean, born in the Lying-In Hospital on January 27th. Dr. McLean is the Director of the Department of Ophthalmology.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rodney proudly announce the birth of a son, William McMillan Rodney, in the Lying-In Hospital on February 5th. Mr. Rodney is a third year student here at Cornell.

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Memo Re: March 15th

We have been accorded again this year a representative to answer questions relating to income tax. He will be located in the room on the west side of the lobby as heretofore. It is planned that this service shall be rendered from March 1st to March 15th. We thought this might be of interest to pulse readers since this issue will be published far enough in advance of the income tax payment date to give everybody plenty of notice.

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Major A. W. Hawkes Dies

It is with deep regret that we learned of the death of Major A. Whitfield Hawkes. Major Hawkes was on the staff at The New York Hospital and succumbed to tick bite fever December 17, while a member of The New York Hospital Unit, 9th General Hospital located in the south west Pacific area.

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**SAVE YOUR WASTE
PAPER FOR SALVAGE**

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Jungle News

"Christmas in New Guinea!"

Somewhere in New Guinea
116 Station Hospital
A.P.O. 929

December 25, 1943.

While a very heavy tropical rain drowns out the sound of this typewriter and the croaking of the frogs, I will try to tell you of an unusual Christmas—A Christmas in New Guinea.

Until Christmas Eve the weather had been very tropical and dry—a siesta after lunch had been impossible—then the rains came!

Even in all the heat and sweat we knew from the calendar that Xmas was near. The American Red Cross made decorations from the jungle, from ping-pong balls and other unusual things while clever patients helped make decorations for the wards. Christmas trees had very good forms but had leaves not *unlike* those found on olive trees! Tropical flowers adorned the wards and mess-halls. The most striking flowers were bright red ones like Poinsetas in color although not in shape and strangely enough called "Poncianas!"

About a week before Christmas, all officers and nurses drew from a hat to whom was to be given gifts. Since there are no large dept stores here in the jungle many of the "gifts" were created or were objects which one could spare. Some of the gifts were nice, some useful—such as a bottle of "Arid," that my tent-mate thoughtlessly gave to one of the nurses, some were very comical and some, of course ridiculous. Many practical jokes were played on friends. The Chief of Surgery received a Grass shirt and put on a few shakes for us. The Major, Head of the X-Ray Dept. received an old automobile muffler. All these "gifts" were piled high, in nice Xmas wrappings, on a long table at the end of the mess-hall, and when 5 o'clock mess Xmas Eve was finished the Chaplain called out the names on the packages while the "lucky" ones walked up to open them. The others cheered. Above the packages on the table a nice tropical Xmas tree stood. Much fun and Xmas cheer was had by all.

CAPTAIN HUGH J. HOPKINS, M.C.

This man is a member of Major Herbert Conway's staff.

Typed and distributed with his permission: T/3 grade M. H. Kaufman.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER



"All I said was 'I'm looking for a job!'"

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**BUY
MORE
BONDS**
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Correction

We are happy to point out that a statement made by "The Pulse" a few months ago concerning the loyal service of two employees of the Hospital was miscalculated. We mentioned that these men had been with the hospital 16 and 17 years respectively.

Actually Mr. William Vie can boast of 21 years as an elevator operator and Mr. Beresford Foderingham of 20 and one half years of service in the same capacity.

A grand record of faithful duty ably performed of which the Hospital is exceedingly proud.